Systems Administrator Conference Call – Dec. 21, 1999

1. Microstation Credits – There are 83 credits left over from the Workspace User Training project. They will be used towards the updating of the standards checker to include individual selection of the discipline that should be used to check the design file instead of using the file name to determine the discipline. Additional 383 credits (expiring 31 Dec 1999) have been collected from corps districts to fund another project. If you have a project proposal for these credits, please submit a one-page proposal to John Kincaid. Some current proposals include: Modify checker to work while you are drawing … tells you when something is wrong; have the checker tell you specifically what makes an element out of compliance (wrong level, color, etc.); utility to print out all custom line styles (similar to printing out cell libraries); and a way to get the checker to ignore known non-compliant elements.

2. John reported on the SAC meeting. Highlights include:

   Systems FAC will be getting $7,200.00 from the SAC to be used toward a project of our choice. Also, we can make a pitch for any of the remaining $25K that is available from the SAC.

   A committee has been formed to review the ckb web page for content and functionality. If you have any comments on the web page for the committee please send them to Stan Shirk (Omaha District).

   Once again a reminder to everyone to please populate the Knowledge Base. Contact Mary Diel (Sacramento District) to get you login and password and instructions for getting started.

   The CADD/GIS Symposium in St. Louis is being held the week of 22 May 2000. The corps has received a waiver that allows them to send up to 150 people. You can register now on the CADD/GIS center web page (http://tsc.wes.army.mil/center_info/symposium/2000/default.asp) There will be FAC meetings on Friday May 26, and a 2 hour corps breakout session earlier in the week. Comments or ideas for the breakout session can be sent to John Kincaid. There will also be a SAC/FAC exhibition booth. If you are planning to attend the symposium, please volunteer to work a 1 (or so) shift in the booth.   Also, if anyone has any good referrals for an interesting and knowledgeable keynote speaker, please e-mail Jean McGinn at Headquarters.

3. There was a proposal to investigate the possibility of pooling our Microstation Licenses at a corps-wide level. It is thought that we might be able to lower the number of total licenses corps wide if we do this. The idea has been tabled until around April or so to give more people time to play around with Bentley's Select Server License Pooling software. This will give us a better idea of the feasibility of this proposal.

4. Per e-mail with Stacey Brown and phone conversation with Matt Hovenden of ADCS, this company has available under a DUSD-L contract free raster to vector conversion software to any DoD agency which has a project which requires its use. The software is VP Studio and the latest version is 6.5. Those who previously received free software under this program can get an upgrade to version 6.5. Anyone who is interested should contact Stacey Brown at sbrown@adcs.com or call her a 1-800-983-5900.

5. If you have any articles for the CADD Newsletter, please send them to Jean McGinn.

6. The Filemanager is done (although not documentation is available). John Kincaid will post it to the ckb for those who wish to download it.

7. Next Call: Tuesday January 18, 2000, 10:00 CST, (404) 562-4365